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SUBJECT: IMCO: INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON MARINE
POLLUTION: CONFERENCE OFFICERS

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1. ACCORDING A. SAVELIEV, SECRETARY MARITIME SAFETY COMMITTEE WHO HAS JUST RETURNED TO LONDON FROM HOME LEAVE IN MOSCOW, AVERIN WILL NOT BE ON USSR DELEGATION TO MARINE POLLUTION CONFERENCE AND CONSEQUENTLY WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE TO SERVE AS CONFERENCE OFFICER. USSR CONTINGENT WILL BE HEADED BY V. TIKKONOV, DEPUTY MINISTER OF MERCHANT MARINE, WHO LAST APPEARED IN IMCO CIRCLES AS SOVIET REPRESENTATIVE TO CONFERENCE ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERNATIONAL COMPENSATION FUND FOR OIL POLLUTION DAMAGE, HELD IN BRUSSELS NOVEMBER- DECEMBER 1971.

2. WE UNDERSTAND THAT SOVIETS WILL NOT PUT TIKKONOV FORWARD AS CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT OF MARINE POLLUTION CONFERENCE; HE SPEAKS VIRTUALLY NO ENGLISH AND LACKS THE REQUISITE PARLIAMENTARY SKILLS. CONFERENCE WILL HAVE HEAVY AGENDA AND WILL NEED FIRM HAND IF BUSINESS OF
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SESSION IS TO BE FINISHED IN TIME ALLOTTED. ESSENTIAL
ALSO THAT PRESIDENT BE FLUENT IN ENGLISH. US DEL TO
FORTHCOMING MARITIME SAFETY COMMITTEE MAY WANT TO DISCUSS
POSSIBILITIES WITH OTHER DELS AND SOUND THEM OUT ON THEIR
IDEAS FOR A CONFERENCE BUREAU.

3. SAVELIEV SAYS THAT AVERIN WILL HEAD USSR DEL TO
EIGHTH SESSION OF IMCO ASSEMBLY, WHICH SCHEDULED CONVENE
NOVEMBER 12, A WEEK AFTER CLOSE OF MARINE POLLUTION
CONFERENCE. AVERIN COULD BE PERSUADED ACCEPT PRESIDENT'S
CHAIR AT ASSEMBLY AND IF MEMBERS ELECT HIM THIS WOULD BE
SUITABLE RECOGNITION OF HIS SERVICE TO IMCO AS LONG- TIME
LEADER OF SOVIET DELEGATIONS AND CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL.

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